credit is, however, not available when the producing small-scale unit avails itself of complete exemption and pays no exvise duty, Representation have been received from-the small-'scale units stating that in these circumstances the user industry would prefer to buy their requirements of inputs from those small 'scale units which pay duty rather than those which a exempt. After due consideration, the Government feels that the interest of the small-scale sector as a whole are well served by the existing MODVAT Scheme and, as such, the scheme does not require any change in substance.

Probationary officers allotted to punjab and Sind bank

2039. SHR1 KALPNATH RAT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of candidates were examined and recruited for the posts of Probationary Officers in nationalised banks in 1982/83;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Pun- Sind Bank were allocated 29a officers JMGS-I in 1982 and 25 Officers MGS-I in 1983;

(c) if so the number of officers from each batch confirmed so far; and

(d) how many Officers still remain to be confirmed and what are the reasons for delay in their confirmation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Public Sec tor Banks place their indents with various Banking Service Recruitment Boards whicn co ient test *very* year. Several nationalised banks have reported that they wet© allotted Probationary Officers in 1982/83.

(c) and (d) Punjab and Sind Banks has advised that no officer of T 9 82 and 1983 batches, who are working presntly in the bank remains to be confirmed.

Raids on Newspaper owners' and journalists

2040. DR. BAPU KALDATE: SHRI M. S. GURUPADA-SWAMY DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJ1NI MAHISH1:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain raids were carried out on the premises of Newspaper owners and their correspon-dents/journalists recently in Madras, Bom-bay and Dehi;

(b) if so, what was the purpose of these raids;

(c) whether these raids were in con nection with publication of seme official documents in the papers owned by them or published in their papers; and.

(4J what are the findings of theseraidsand whether any penal action hasbeentaken against the paper owners ortheir Editors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE - MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (d) Searches were conducted during the investigation of a case registered under the Offi-cials Secret$_s$ Act against Shri Gurumurthy of Indian Express and others. The investigation of the case has not yet been completed.

Setting up of Sinai Scale Industrial Development Fund by IDBI

"2041. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Industirai Development Bank of India (TDBT) has set up a small scale industrial develop-